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WORRY CAUSES A. A. LYON TO KILL SELF

GRANDSON OF FORMER COLUMBIAN LIVES IN MAGIC CITY.

WAS PRINCIPAL OF CITY SCHOOL

Despondent Educator Puts Bullet in Brain, and Died Within Half Hour.

Prof. A. A. Lyon, member of a family once locally prominent and for several years past principal of the South Highland public school in Birmingham, committed suicide at his home in that city at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning by shooting himself through the brain.

Prof. Lyon belonged to a family which in years gone by occupied an exalted position in this city, having been the grandson of the late Rev. James A. Lyon, who was for many years pastor of the First Presbyterian church. His father the late Dr. Augustus A. Lyon, was also well known here, and this act of self destruction, which is said to have resulted from despondency over the recent death, occasioned general regret among Columbians who are acquainted with his family.

The following article which appeared in Tuesday's issue of the Birmingham News, gives details of the tragedy.

"Prof. Lyon's condition has been a source of worry to his family for some time past. Tuesday morning he awoke as usual and ate his breakfast. His son, who is a student at the high school, had left the house, and Prof. Lyon had on his overcoat preparatory to leaving with his little daughter for the South Highland school.

"He went into the bathroom, however, and locked the door. His continued absence alarmed his sister-in-law, and she knocked on the door, informing him of the time. Prof. Lyon replied to her questions in a normal voice, but she was not satisfied and called in her neighbor, Mr. Turrentine.

"Prof. Lyon refused to answer Mr. Turrentine's questions, and Mr. Turrentine forced the lock on the door. As he entered the room, Prof. Lyon disappeared out of another door, running down the stairs into the back yard. Mr. Turrentine and the sister-in-law followed and did not see Mr. Lyon, who hid himself behind a small chicken house. As they caught sight of Prof. Lyon they saw him raise a revolver to his head and shoot himself through the right eye.

"The bullet passed through the brain and passed out through the base of the skull. Prof. Lyon, while unconscious, lingered for an hour before his death.

"Mr. Lyon is survived by a son, Hughes Lyon; two daughters, Miss Mary Lyon and Miss Elwin Lyon; two brothers, Winters Lyon and Jas. Lyon, of Nashville; a sister, Miss Auline Lyon, of Nashville."

Many Tigers Caught.

About ten negroes and one white man were arrested the first of the week charged with unlawful retailing, and those who have not been tried will be given a hearing this week.

Virginia Hooper, a negro, who was tried Monday on a charge of selling whiskey, was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, and sixty days. Jack Worley, a negro, who was also tried for retailing was fined \$50, thirty days and costs. His case was appealed. Three other negroes, Alex McFields, Bert Land, and Beverly Gerald were found guilty of retailing and each was fined \$50 and thirty days on the streets.

Oscar Lee Tucker and Zack Banks, two colored boys were tried on a charge of stealing Dr. C. R. Perry's automobile, and each was fined \$5 and 30 days. The days were held up pending future good behavior.

Mr. Willis Brazeele was the white man arrested on the charge of unlawful retailing and he will probably be given a hearing this week.

Negro Badly Hurt.

Charles Whitfield, a negro employed at the Refuge Cotton Oil Company, was seriously and probably fatally injured in an accident which occurred yesterday morning. He was hurriedly taken to the Columbus Hospital in an ambulance for treatment.

While engaged in work Whitfield became caught in the shafting, his head having been badly hurt.

COLLEGE IS SCENE OF TWO MEETINGS

WOMAN'S CONFERENCE IS IN PROGRESS AND INSTITUTE BEGINS TODAY.

HELEN KELLAR CANCELS DATE

Miss Carrie A. Lyford, of Federal Health Bureau, is Here To Address Home Scientists.

The Industrial Institute and College presents a scene of unusual activity, as a Woman's Conference is now in progress there and the annual meeting of the Mississippi Home Science and Art Institute begins today, continuing in session throughout Friday and Saturday. While the two meetings are in session during the same week they are entirely independent of each other, separate programs having been arranged and also separate places of amalgamation prepared.

The Woman's Conference inaugurated its session Monday evening with a delightful song recital by Cecil Fanning, who again appeared Tuesday morning, when he read original poems in the college chapel. The regular published program was carried out Tuesday afternoon, and on Tuesday evening Miss Mamie Liss Savage appeared in a delightful series of recitations. On yesterday morning there was a concert by the Princess orchestra, while in the evening there were addresses by President Whitfield and Dr. L. G. Painter, head of the English department.

The Home Science and Art Institute will begin its meeting today, and will continue in session throughout the remainder of the week. Miss Helen Kellar, the blind poet from Alabama, who has achieved national fame through her literary achievements, was expected to have delivered an address tomorrow night, but has cancelled her engagement and will not appear here. Among other noted speakers is Miss Carrie A. Lyford, home economic specialist of the federal bureau of education, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Miss Lyford has already arrived and is a guest at the Mabel Ward practice home. She will remain throughout the progress of the meeting and will deliver several addresses.

Other noted speakers in addition to Miss Lyford are: Miss Iva Causey, state agent for Pearl River county; Miss Susie V. Powell, of the A. and M. College, superintendent of the industrial work in the rural schools in the state; Miss Constance Bonstengel, of the same institution, who has in charge the co-operative demonstration work among the women and girls of Mississippi; Miss Margaret Roubesh, dean of the woman's department of the state university; Prof. J. C. Fant, a member of the faculty of the same institution; Miss Stella Palmer, of the Girl's Polytechnical Institute at Montevallo, Ala., and Miss Helen Graham, a home science worker of Louisiana.

TWO BASKETBALL GAMES TO BE PLAYED HERE THIS WEEK

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE & COLLEGE TEAM WILL MEET HATTIESBURG AGGREGATIONS.

Two games of basket ball are to be played on the campus of the Industrial Institute and College this week, the varsity team of that institution being scheduled to meet representatives of the Mississippi Woman's College, of Hattiesburg, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock while at 4 o'clock on Saturday they will face a team from the State Normal College, from the same city.

Both the Hattiesburg teams have recently met defeat at the hands of the local aggregation, which went to the Forest county capital some three weeks ago and trounced their opponents in hard-fought games. The girls from the piney woods district are naturally anxious for revenge, and two spirited contests are therefore in prospect.

The price of admission will be 25 cents, and as the expense of bringing the team to Columbus is rather heavy it is hoped that large crowds will witness both games.



HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

Ohio cities, moved by President Wilson's preparedness speeches, are getting ready to resist the invader, whoever the enemy may be and whenever he may come, says a special from Cleveland. Citizens' military companies have been organized rifle clubs formed and endorsements framed by the chambers of commerce. In Cleveland arrangements were made for a monster military parade on Washington's birthday as a demonstration of the city's support of preparedness.

Only eighty-three arrests were made at the San Francisco exposition for drunkenness last year, although nearly 19,000,000 persons passed through the turnstiles.

Henry Ford, who is in New York for the first time since his return from the Ford peace expedition, has denied that he is planning a \$1,000,000 campaign against preparedness for war.

News from the flooded districts of Louisiana is to the effect that the towns of Newlight, Marydale, Issaquena, Dickard and Coutre Point, previously unheard from, are in urgent need of assistance. The inhabitants in these towns are in danger of being drowned unless motor boats are sent at once to their relief. Live stock in these towns have been placed on scaffolds and mounds in the hope of keeping them above the high spots on which the cattle are corralled and unless speedy aid is given they will perish.

An earth tremor of slight but distinct nature that made itself felt through Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia and portions of East Tennessee and Alabama, was reported early Monday night as having been felt at about 5:45 p. m. central time. In no case was any damage reported and while in some cases persons hurriedly left buildings, there was nothing in the nature of a panic.

A Zeppelin airship was brought down by French guns in the vicinity of Brabant-Le-Roi, in the Meuse, according to reports from Paris Tuesday. The Zeppelin was flying from St. Menesboul toward the south when it was hit by an incendiary shell, which caused it to fall in flames in the vicinity of Brabant-Le-Roi.

Mr. W. J. Pearson, of Port Gibson, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Stanley, on South Seventh avenue.

Hon. John Frierson, who represents Lowndes county in the Legislature, spent Monday in Columbus on business.

Mrs. H. B. Latham, of Carrollton, Ala., has been spending the past several days in Columbus with her daughter, Mrs. John R. Laws.

The numerous friends of Mrs. L. J. Imes are glad to learn that she is improving after several days' illness.

Mr. Wesley Jernigan, of Caledonia, spent Monday and Tuesday in Columbus on business.

Messrs. G. W. Myers and Roy Egger, of Caledonia, spent Monday in the city.

WM. EDWARDS, AN ENGLISHMAN, DIES AT HIS COUNTRY HOME

DEATH OF AGED MAN FOLLOWS LONG AND EXCEEDINGLY PAINFUL ILLNESS.

After a long and painful illness, Mr. William Edwards, who for some time past had been living a short distance west of Columbus on the Macon road, passed away Monday afternoon.

Mr. Edwards was a native of London, England, and had died so far from his native land is accounted for in the fact that he was a nomad, and had traveled extensively, having made it a rule never to remain in one place for long. He had been in bad health for quite an extended period and came to this section in the hope that the change would be physically beneficial to him. The hope, however, proved a vain one, for instead of improving he steadily grew worse and sank lower and lower until the final dissolution took place.

At the time of his death Mr. Edwards was 66 years of age, and surviving him are his widow, two sons, Messrs. J. T. and Harry Edwards, and four daughters, Mrs. Roger O'Hara, Mrs. James McNally, Mrs. David Boswell and Miss Mary Ann Edwards.

The funeral was held at the family home at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, and interment of the body in Friendship cemetery followed.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY IS LOCALLY CELEBRATED

APPROPRIATE PROGRAM IS GIVEN IN CHAPEL OF FRANKLIN ACADEMY.

Tuesday marked the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, who commanded the American army during the revolutionary war and who was the first president of the United States, and the event was appropriately celebrated at Franklin Academy, where a program consisting of patriotic addresses, recitations and songs was given.

The academy chapel, where the exercises took place, was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and American flags were also displayed on stores and public buildings throughout the business district of the city.

Features of the exercises were an address by Rev. W. S. Slack, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and announcements by representatives of both the local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution regarding medals which will be given at the close of the present session. The following interesting program was given:

Scripture reading and Invocation by Rev. W. S. Slack, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Song, Address, by Rev. Slack.

Reading, Miss Mamie Liss Savage.

Announcements relative to D. A. R. medals, given by the Bernard Romans and Shuk-ho-ta Tom-a-ha chapters, for historical papers by Miss Savage and Mrs. Sheffield.

Song, The Star Spangled Banner. Reading, History of the State Flag, Muriel Graham. Song, Old Glory.

BIRMINGHAM PREPARING FOR VETERANS' COMING

EVERY ARRANGEMENT WILL BE MADE FOR COMFORT OF OLD SOLDIERS.

Many Columbians are interested in the forthcoming reunion of the United Confederate Veterans at Birmingham, as the proximity of the Magic City makes it easy to reach, and there will be in attendance not only a large number of local veterans but many pleasure seekers as well. The following article from the Birmingham Ledger of Monday afternoon regarding arrangements that are being made for the reunion will therefore be read with avidity here:

"At a regular meeting of Camp Hardee much interest was manifested in the arrangements being made by the Chamber of Commerce and other civic bodies and the several committees appointed, who have in charge the proper entertainment of visitors who may attend the reunion. The earnest hope was expressed that the impression was not permitted to go abroad that the tents and cots loaned will be the manner of caring for and housing the visiting veterans, but the tents will be provided for emergencies or for those veterans who prefer to use them.

"Also it was urged that the committees be asked to provide automobiles and carriages for the use of the veterans in the parade and that the marching on foot be eliminated from the program.

"At this meeting a letter was read from Chief Marshall McCrossin inviting all veterans in this section to join the Elks and attend the minstrel show to be given at the Jefferson theatre on February 23, stating that the proceeds arising from this show would be equally divided between the Elks and the expenses of the reunion in May. The camp accepted this invitation with expressions of appreciation by appropriate resolution."

Fire Destroys Cabin.

A negro cabin, located on North Fourth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, was destroyed by fire Monday. Another cabin nearby was badly damaged.

The alarm was turned in about 8 o'clock, and although the scene of the blaze was five blocks away from the nearest water plug, the firemen quickly laid 1,900 feet of hose and in a short time had the flames under control.

The house that was destroyed was owned by Mr. Harvey Savage, and the loss was covered by insurance. The other cabin was the property of Callie Moody, a negro.

The firemen were called to the home of Mr. W. G. Webb, on South Third avenue at an early hour Tuesday morning. The fire, which originated from a defective flue, did damage amounting to about \$25.

A cottage on South Eleventh street, owned by Mrs. M. Runciman, was damaged to the extent of about ten dollars about 6 o'clock Sunday evening. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Jack Law Dies.

Jack Law, well known to base ball fans in this city, and who at one time played on the local team in the Cotton States League, recently died at his home in Evansville, Ind. He had been in ill health for a long time past.

WRECK ON M. & O. IS FATAL TO TWO

MURRAY KOGER AND UNKNOWN MAN LOSE LIVES.

DEAD BODIES BROUGHT HERE

Three Others Hurt and Two Missing, but Latter May Have Escaped Uninjured.

In a freight wreck which occurred at the Montgomery division of the Mobile and Ohio near the point where the line crosses Sipsey creek about eight o'clock Monday night, two men met instant death and several were injured, while two others are said to be missing, though it has been impossible to ascertain whether or not they were killed, as they may have escaped injury and have left the scene of the accident unnoticed in the excitement which followed the catastrophe. Both the dead men were white, and one of the bodies has been identified as that of Murray Koger, while the identity of the other has not been established. One of the injured men is Stanley Kopymanski, a Russian, while the other is Will Johnson, a negro, who lives at Shuqualak.

A special train arrived in Columbus about midnight Monday bringing the two injured men and the bodies of those who were killed arrived at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday. The parlor of Messrs. Gunter Bros., while the two injured men were taken to the McKinley Sanitarium. Neither Kopymanski or Johnson are seriously hurt, the former having had his arm broken, while the latter received several scalp wounds. Both will probably be out within a few days.

The wrecked train was a west bound through freight, having been what is commonly known in rich parlance as a "double-header." The two locomotives were manned by Engineers Porter and McFarland, while Conductor Ingram was in charge of the train. Both of the men who were killed are said to have been heading their way, and it is stated that spending time caused the car in which they were riding to leave that track.

Murray Koger, one of the dead men, was a member of a highly respected family, having been a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koger, of Brooksville, and a brother of Misses Ruth and Sallie Koger, both of whom formerly taught in the local public schools. He lived in Columbus during the early part of the winter, but left a few weeks ago, and has not since been heard from.

Oakley Moore, who resides in this city, was on the wrecked train, having been slightly injured. Moore states that seven declared their intention of boarding the train at Tuscaloosa, but he is not certain that all of them succeeded in carrying out their intentions. Five of the men have been accounted for.

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CECIL FANNING DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE AT COLLEGE

EMINENT BARITONE CHARMS AND ENTHRALLS ALL WHO HEAR HIM SING.

Cecil Fanning, the world-famous baritone, gave a recital in the chapel of the Industrial Institute and College Monday evening, and thoroughly charmed and delighted the large and discriminating audience which assembled there to hear him.

Mr. Fanning possesses a voice of exquisite timbre, and sings with splendid effect, having throughout the progress of the recital held his hearers completely in his thrall. The versatility of the artist is most marked, and his program covered an exceedingly wide range.

Mr. H. B. Turpin, who for years past has been Mr. Fanning's instructor, and who was his companion on his recent European tour, presided at the piano Monday evening, and accompanied the singer in finished style.

On Tuesday morning Mr. Fanning appeared in the college chapel, where he read several original poems which were listened to with unfeigned pleasure by all present.

COLLEGE Y. W. C. A. TO HOLD MEETING

ANNUAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION TO OCCUR IN MARCH.

MR. F. P. TURNER AMONG SPEAKERS

General Secretary of Student Volunteer Movement to Make Several Talks.

Announcement is made that the Young Women's Christian Association of the Industrial Institute and College, will hold its thirtieth annual jubilee conference March 3 to 5, inclusive, and members of the organization and their friends are looking forward to an exceedingly pleasant and profitable meeting. The conference has unusual significance this year, as it comes synchronously with the completion of the fiftieth year of the National association, and will serve to appropriately celebrate that anniversary.

Several officers of the National association will attend the local conference and will deliver addresses during its progress, prominent among the members being Mr. F. P. Turner, general secretary of the Student's Volunteer Movement, Miss Oolooah Burner, student secretary from the Y. W. C. A. National Board, and Miss Ina Scherbeck, secretary of the same organization for the South Central states. All of these officials will remain here throughout the progress of the meeting and will talk on different phases of the work with which they are especially familiar.

Miss Louise Baker has been selected to serve as jubilee chairman, and the program was arranged by Miss Helen Hutchcraft, the efficient secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association at the college, was ably assisted in the work by Miss Mary Hennington, the popular president, and other officers of the organization. In addition to Miss Hutchcraft and Miss Hennington, other officers for the current session are as follows: Miss Elizabeth Cooper, vice-president; Miss Kathleen Wyatt, secretary; Miss Priestly Jones, treasurer.

The following is the official program for the conference:

FRIDAY.
7:00 p. m.—Welcome, Miss Mary Hennington; Play, "The Wayside Piper."

8: p. m.—Reception.

SATURDAY.

7:30 a. m.—Morning Watch, Miss Oolooah Burner.

9:00 a. m.—"Eight Week Clubs," Miss Helen Hutchcraft; "Working With the Church," Miss Oolooah Burner.

11:00 a. m.—Technical Councils, Miss Ina Scherbeck.

12:00 m.—Student Volunteer Meeting, Mr. F. P. Turner.

2:00 p. m.—"The History and Organization of the Y. W. C. A.," Miss Ina Scherbeck.

3:00 p. m.—Gymnasium exhibition.

7:00 p. m.—"Y. W. C. A. at Home and Abroad," Miss Oolooah Burner.

8:30 p. m.—Alabama Glee Club concert.

SUNDAY.

8:00 a. m.—Morning Watch, Miss Ina Scherbeck.

11:00 a. m.—Address, Mr. F. P. Turner.

4:45 p. m.—Vesper Services, Miss Oolooah Burner.

6:45 p. m.—Address, Mr. F. P. Turner.

Anna Held at Princess Today.

The attraction at the Princess for today, Thursday, February 24th, is the world famous Anna Held in her most famous success, "Madame La Presidente," a French comedy classic in which Anna Held and her naughty eyes reign supreme. It is the same play and star that amazed New York, Paris, London, Berlin, Vienna, and in fact all of Europe. It is the first appearance in films of Anna Held, and it required \$25,000 to induce her to make this production into a photo-play, thereby enabling thousands who have only been able to read about the wonderful Anna Held to see her in her success, "Madame La Presidente, which is a light comedy, such as only a real artist can put over, and after you have seen it, you will agree that Anna Held and her naughty eyes are there.

Specially arranged musical program by the Princess orchestra. Admission 10c and 20c.